THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Some passengers do remain on the waiting list in important and more convenient trains during rush period like summer, pooja and winter vacations.

(b) and (c) Position of waiting list passengers is monitored on day-to-day basis and additional coaches wherever justified and feasible are attached to clear the rush. Besides, special trains are also run to clear the extra rush subject to availability of resources.

Export Capacity of Steel

1482. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether export capacity of steel in India has set to rise to 43 million tonnes by the turn of this century from the present level of around 28 million tonnes;

(b) if so, whether the proposals to raise it further to 57 million tonnes by the year 2005 A.D. have also been worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have expressed concern over the low levels of steel consumption in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the main reasons for low consumption of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (c) During the year 1996-97, export of finished carbon steel from India wa about 1.62 million tonnes. The Working Group on Iron and Steel industry for the IXth Five Year Plan has projected an export potential of 6 million tonnes of finished carbon steel by 2001-02, which is the terminal year of the IXth Plan and an export potential of 9 million tonnes has been projected by 2006-07, the terminal year of the Xth Plan.

(d) to (f) Government is aware of the low level of per capita crude stell consumption in the country which was only 23.9 kgs. in 1994 against a world average of 133 kgs. The consumption of steel is related to the stage of economic and industrial development of a country. Following economic liberalisation, the overall economic growth is likely to step up steel consumption.

Development Works

1483. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government about the development works to be undertaken in telecommunications and postal areas in Gujarat during the current year;

(b) if so, the details and names thereof;

(c) whether the works undertaken last year are still incomplete; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

For Telecommunications : There is a plan to provide 208000 new telephone connections in Gujarat during 1997-98. The area-wise details are given in Statement I enclosed.

For Postal Sector : The complete information is given in Statement II enclosed.

(c) and (d) For Telecommunications : The names of Telephone Exchanges planned for last year in Gujarat which are still incomplete alongwith reasons for delay are given in Statement III enclosed.

For Postal Sector : Only Post Office buildings at Raigadh and Viramgam and staff quarters at Modasa could not be completed by the concerned agencies.

Statement-I

Statement to laid on the Table of Lok Sabha Vide Parts (A to D) of Unstarred Question No. 1483 For 31.07.97.

Plan for DELS During 1997-98

S.No.	Name of SSA	DELs
1.	Ahmedabad	50000
2.	Baroda	20000
3.	Rajkot	10000
4.	Surat	20000
5.	Nadiad	12000
6.	Mehsana	10000
7.	Bhavnagar	16000
8.	Bhuj	11000
9.	Valsad	13000
10.	Bharuch	8000
11.	Godhra	4000
12.	Himatnagar	6000
13.	Jamnagar	5000
14.	Junagadh	11000
15.	Palanpur	5000
16.	Surendranagar	4000
17.	Amreli	3000
	Total	208000